



## **NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**[Docket No. 70-1151; NRC-2015-0039]**

**Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC; Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility**

**AGENCY:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

**ACTION:** Draft environmental impact statement; request for comment and public comment meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing for public comment a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Westinghouse Electric Company, LLC's (WEC's) license renewal application to continue to operate its Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility (CFFF) for an additional 40 years. The CFFF is located in Hopkins, South Carolina, and manufactures nuclear fuel assemblies for commercial nuclear power plants. The WEC's license renewal request, if granted as proposed, would allow the CFFF to continue to be a source of nuclear fuel for commercial nuclear power plants for 40 years from the date the NRC approves the renewal.

**DATES:** The NRC staff will hold a virtual public meeting through online webinar and teleconference call on the draft EIS at 6:00 p.m. (ET) on August 26, 2021. The NRC staff will present the preliminary findings documented in the draft EIS and receive public comments during this virtual, transcribed public meeting. Members of the public are invited to submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 45 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**. Comments received after this date will be considered, if it is practical to do so, but the Commission is able to ensure consideration only for comments received on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov/> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2015-0039**. Address questions about Docket IDs to Stacy Schumann; telephone: 301-415-0624; email: [Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov](mailto:Stacy.Schumann@nrc.gov). For technical

questions, contact the individual listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**CONTACT** section of this document.

- **Mail comments to:** Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-7-A60M, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, ATTN: Program Management, Announcements and Editing Staff.

- **E-mail comments to:** WEC\_CFFF\_EIS@nrc.gov.

- **Leave comments by voicemail at:** 1-800-216-0881.

For additional direction on obtaining information and submitting comments, see “Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments” in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION SECTION** of this document.

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Obtaining Information and Submitting Comments**

###### **A. Obtaining Information**

Please refer to Docket ID **NRC-2015-0039** when contacting the NRC about the availability of information regarding this document. You may obtain publicly available information related to this action by the following methods:

- **Federal Rulemaking Website:** Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and search for Docket ID **NRC-2015-0039**.

- **NRC’s Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS):** You may obtain publicly available documents online in the ADAMS Public Documents collection at <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams.html>. To begin the search, select “Begin Web-based ADAMS Search.” For problems with ADAMS, please contact the NRC’s Public Document Room (PDR) reference staff at 1-800-397-4209, 301-415-4737, or by e-mail to [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov). The draft EIS can be found in

ADAMS under Accession No. ML21209A213.

- **Attention:** The PDR, where you may examine and order copies of public documents, is currently closed. You may submit your request to the PDR via e-mail at [pdr.resource@nrc.gov](mailto:pdr.resource@nrc.gov) or call 1-800-397-4209 or 301-415-4737, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- **Project Website:** Information related to the WEC project can be accessed on the NRC's WEC Website at <https://www.nrc.gov/info-finder/fc/westinghouse-fuel-fab-fac-sc-lc.html>. Under the section titled "Operating," scroll down to "Key Documents" and click on Draft EIS, NUREG-2248, Draft Report for Comment.

- **Public Libraries:** A copy of the NRC staff's draft EIS will be made accessible at the following public libraries (library access and hours are determined by local policy):

- Richland Public Library–Main: 1431 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29201;
- Richland Public Library–Lower Richland: 9019 Garners Ferry Road, Hopkins, SC 29061; and
- Richland Public Library–Eastover: 608 Main Street, Eastover, SC 29044.

## B. Submitting Comments

Please include Docket ID **NRC-2015-0039**. The NRC cautions you not to include identifying or contact information that you do not want to be publicly disclosed in your comment submission. The NRC will post all comment submissions at <https://www.regulations.gov> as well as enter the comment submissions into ADAMS. The NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove identifying or contact information.

If you are requesting or aggregating comments from other persons for submission to the NRC, then you should inform those persons not to include identifying or contact information that they do not want to be publicly disclosed in their comment submission. Your request should state that the NRC does not routinely edit comment submissions to remove such information before making the comment submissions

available to the public or entering the comment into ADAMS.

## **II. Meeting Information**

The NRC is announcing that staff will hold a virtual public meeting as an online webinar and teleconference to receive comments on the draft EIS. Video of the staff's presentation will be accessible online at the webinar address and audio will only be accessible through the telephone line. The telephone line will also be used for the public to submit oral comments. A court reporter will be recording all comments received during the webinar and the transcript of the meeting will be made publicly available. The date and time for the public webinar is as follows:

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Webinar Information</b>
Virtual Public Meeting	August 26, 2021	6:00pm – 9:00pm (ET)	<b>Webinar Access (Video)</b> Event address: <a href="https://usnrc.webex.com">https://usnrc.webex.com</a> Event number: 199 891 1794 Event password: WESTDEIS  <b>Telephone Access (Audio)</b> Phone number: 1-800-369-3311 Passcode: 5558821

Persons interested in attending this meeting should check the NRC's Public Meeting Schedule Web page at <https://www.nrc.gov/pmns/mtg> for additional information, agenda for the meeting, and access information for the webinar and telephone line.

## **III. Discussion**

The NRC is issuing for public comment the draft EIS for WEC's license renewal application, which includes the NRC staff's analysis that evaluates the environmental impacts of the proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action. Based on the NRC staff's (i) review of the license renewal application request, which includes the environmental report, supplemental documents, and the licensee's responses to the NRC staff's requests for additional information; (ii) consultation with Federal, State, and Tribal agencies and input from other stakeholders; and (iii) independent review as documented in the assessments summarized in the draft EIS, the NRC staff has concluded that the proposed action would result in small impacts on all resource areas except for groundwater resources for which the impacts would be small to moderate.

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For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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